# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
# LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:26
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ADOPTION OF INDIAN CHILDREN
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**Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:**

(a) whether several instances have come to the notice of the Union Government, where foreign nationals adopting Indian children, have dubious record;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Union Government have also received several requests to halt adoption of Indian children by foreign nationals till new guidelines are formulated to safeguard the interests of adopted children;

(d) if so, the decision taken by the Union Government thereon; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government to ensure that the interest of Indian children are protected?

## Answer

THE MINISTER OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA)

(a) & (b) A few allegations regarding unsuitability of some foreign nationals adopting Indian children have been received in the Ministry.

(c) No request has been received by the Ministry from any State Govt. ororganization to halt adoption of Indian children by foreign nationals.

(d) Question does arise. All requests are attended to on a case to case basis.

(e) Inter country adoptions are governed by the Revised Guidelines for Adoption ofIndian Children, 1995. No direct adoption of an Indian child by any foreign national is permitted.